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# *Worst March Blizzard on Record Sweeps Across Northern Alberta*

The worst March blizzard in the history of the West has swept across Northern Alberta leaving a trail of devastation behind it.

## Heaviest Snowfall Isolates Community

LAC LA BICHE — Residents of Lac la Biche and surrounding communities were busy this week shovelling and plowing out from under a record snowfall, which with blizzard conditions, served to cut off all rail and highway traffic.

The only means of communication with the outside, from Thursday evening last week until, Sunday evening this week, when the N.A.R. snow plow reached town was an aircraft of Western Airmotive.

The airplane was used to fly out commercial travellers from Edmonton and a team of bowlers from Plamondon who had come here to play in a bowling tournament. Six of them attempted to get to Athabasca by car on Friday but managed to get only as far as Plamondon The others were flown —three at a time—to their home town.

The totally inadequate Government of Alberta Telephone service showed up on Sunday evening when an aircraft enroute from Lac la Biche airport to Edmonton was reported overdue and presumed lost. Neither the pilot nor the passengers were able to phone Edmonton (Lac la Biche gets only two hours phone service on Sundays) to advise a delay in leaving town. Hence the unecessary alarm when the plane arrived late in the city.

Snow plows had opened the road from Edmonton as far as Thorhild Monday and it was hoped to extend the clearance to Lac la Biche by Tuesday night.

Blocked roads, stranded trains, and low food supplies in several communities was the mark left by the storm.

News services were interrupted by the storm. Services between this community and Edmonton were disrupted to the extent that news could not be transmitted to the paper's Edmonton printing plant.

The blizzard swept in across northern Alberta late Thursday. Howling winds and blinding snowstorms prevailed in all sections.

**The mercury sank to 30 below zero in most sectors.**

Sunday the hardest hit parts of the district began digging themselves out. About a foot of snow fell between Thursday and Saturday.

Local merchants reported business almost at a standstill. Food supplies were low, though not dangerously in short supply.

**There were no fatalities here during the storm, though two persons died elsewhere in the province during the blizzard.**

Most people stayed indoors as soon as the blizzard swept down on the district. Several social functions were cancelled at the last minute.

School attendance was low Friday, with snow piling up on highways. For a time during the height of the blizzard district roads were impassable.

## La Biche Curlers Lose To Athabasca

LAC LA BICHE.—Last Sunday five cars from Lac la Biche, filled to capacity with enthusiastic curlers and boys' hockey team went to Athabasca. All curlers were defeated, the hockey team tied.

Cars belonging to Wally Gordechuk, Rod Cherkas, Jack Kim, Romeo Coutney, and Nicky Franchuk took curlers to their destination. After the games the visitors were all treated to a grand supper by the Athabasca Curling Association.

Athabasca fans returned the curling visit by coming over to challenge Lac la Biche to bowling. Due to the storm they're unable to return, although one car did get as far as Plamondon, but gave up the idea of travel, after a few bad drifts, and returned here again.

Mr. Topping of the raw fur department, Hudson's Bay Co., Edmonton was a visitor in Lac la Biche and district this week.

Mrs. M. S. Cook is sick with the 'flu.

## Explorers, CGIT, Meet In Waskatenau

WASKATENAU.—At the Waskatenau Explorer and CGIT meeting held on Tuesday, March 6, new officers were elected. The results were Audrey Proctor elected as new president and Lily Stasiuk elected as new secretary. At this meeting 16 members were present. Games were played and enjoyed by all. Their project was making invitations for the Ladies' Aid.

## Archie McElwain Visits In Edmonton

LAC LA BICHE. — Mr. Archie McElwain was a business visitor in Edmonton on Saturday, March 10, returning on the following Monday.

There has been an error in the announcement of the opening of Mac's Flower Shop, date March 20, next door to the bowling alley, as to location.

## LAC LA BICHE NEWS NOTES

LAC LA BICHE — Mr. Ed Hawirko went to Edmonton on business for a week.

Mrs. Gordon Anderson of Brierville, spent a day visiting with Mrs. Hazel Hawirko.

Four Canadian universities give courses in forest-management: British Columbia, New Brunswick, Toronto and Laval, P.Q.



HELEN JACKMAN of Edmonton brightens the feminine pages of any paper. She's the CBC women's commentator for Alberta, is heard on CBX Monday to Friday at 8:45 a.m.

**LETTER TO EDITOR**

## Reader Opposes Power Contract With Can. Utilities

Dear Sir. — The Northland Utilities wants a ten year franchise to supply power to the town of Lac la Biche at 20 cents a kilowatt.

In the City of Edmonton consumers buy power for 2 cents a kilowatt.

It would be ridiculous to assume that before 1961 neither Canadian Utilities or Calgary Power will be offering us a power contract at 4 or 5 cents per kw. If the town goes ahead and signs this contract now it will mean burdening the taxpayers with an exorbitant electric power rate and stifle progress for a decade.

This year Calgary Power are extending their lines to Boyle. Why not wait until 1952 when the power lines can be run right to Lac la Biche, and when we'll get power for a fraction of the present cost?

M. W. PATTERSON.

## New Townspeople Receive The Herald

LAC LA BICHE.—Lac la Biche increased in size and population at the beginning of this year when nearly thirty parcels of land on the edge of town were added to the town proper.

These are included in the subscription list of the Lac la Biche Herald. Under this arrangement with the town each ratepayer receives a subscription to the paper, which is carried without charge news, minutes of meetings, legal advertisements and general advertising publishing town notices.

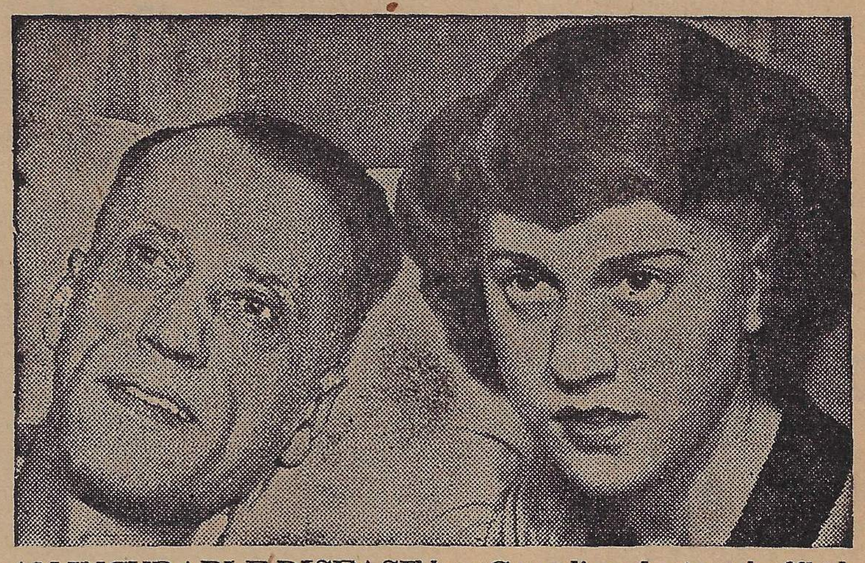
Instead of ratepayers paying the regular subscription to the paper the town pays only $1 per year for each resident ratepayer. It is an effective and economical means of keeping town ratepayers informed of the town business.

New taxpayers added to the town rolls include the following: Bjorn Arnfinson, Mohamed Assiff, Esdras Cadieux, Jos. Cherkas, Clifford E. Chisholm, Mrs. K. Danyluk, Mary Rose Desgatlais, Frank Dononfrio, Mike Fyith, Romeo Gervais, Lynn G. Hall, Eugene Huppie, Wm. C. G. Jex, John Konowalchuk, Fred Labby, Wilfred Lamarre, Howard Lett, Ernest Labby, Mary Mahedyn, Ford Scott, Peter Sorochan, Peter Stuparyk, Nick and Helen Subchuk, Jos. Tremblay, Rashad Yaggey, Mike Zacharuk.

## Weather Warnings Fail To Stop Travel

LAC LA BICHE. — Weather warnings did not seem to bother some people, as motorists are stranded in every town and village. Van driver Pete Warren from Hylo en route there, met Mr. Hall, school superintendent who advised him to return to Lac la Biche with the 18 school children in the van as roads were impassable. Upon the advice of Mr. Hall he did just that, and furthermore found accommodations for all the students.

Mr. Gabreil, Briereville bus driver left and has not been heard of since whether he got his van of students to their destination or not, which concerns the town at the moment somewhat.



AN INCURABLE DISEASE has Canadian doctors baffled. Alfred Frampton, of Cornwall, Ont., seen with daughter Sylvia, suffers from muscular dystrophy. In advanced stages a person suffering from this strange ailment lacks strength to even brush his teeth.

## Sunday Hockey Game Ends In 5-All Tie

BRIEREVILLE. — The cold weather we've been having around here didn't stop our boys one bit. They journeyed to Spedden to play a game of hockey on Sunday the fourth. The score being 5 all. That was sure a big difference in scores, comparing the Sunday before goals. Spedden was seen on the Briereville ice and boy, oh boy! did they ever speckle that net? The score (should I mention it?) was 22-0 in favor of Spedden. Come on, boys, what seems to be the trouble, is it poor sticks, poor ice or was it a tough day?

Andre Gattolliat turned his truck over the other day. He was hauling a load of pulpwood to town.

Quite a few of the people have had the 'flu. And some still feel the effects. When the warm weather comes, it should be pretty well cleared up around here.

Mr. Raymond Whitford has a big truck now. A few mishaps have been his, though. A flat tire for one. Take it easy Ray, just as long as it doesn't turn over, you'll be o.k.

Mr. Roy Witford and family have moved back to the district after spending most of the winter in Lac La Biche.

Mr. Ed Whelen is the owner of a new truck now, and has been for some time. Forgive me for not mentioning it sometime ago.

Mr. J. Sunderman, the school bus driver from Fork Lake to Rich Lake has been making his school route through Briereville, as the main route is drifted and impassible for traffic.

## Rose Pruden To Leave Lac la Biche

LAC LA BICHE. — Miss Rose Pruden well known in town and vicinity for the past number of years is leaving her employment at the 5c to $1.00 store on March 17. Rose was employed in A. Hamilton's store for a year when the Hudson's Bay Co. took over, Rose was in their employment for three and a half years, leaving them to join the 5c to $1 staff last June and has been there since.

Prior to her coming here Rose lived at Grandin, 20 miles south of here. Miss Pruden expects to be in Edmonton soon on a shopping tour. From then on it will be a matter of time, waiting for her fiance Larry Gauthier who at present is stationed at Peace River as timber inspector.

The exact wedding date has not been set, due to the uncertainty of Larry's days of leave. Definite date will be announced shortly, but we do know this, the wedding will take place in April at St. Catherine's Church, with the couple leaving for their new home in Peace River.

## New Telephone Line May Go Through Lac la Biche

LAC LA BICHE — Reports are that the Wandering River telephone line may go through Lac la Biche which would net our community twenty-four hours telephone service. Lately Lac la Biche got twelve hours of continuous service, there are many applications for more telephones, which means more revenue. This twenty four hours of continuous service would mean a great boost for our town, to say nothing of the added services for its patrons. For the small cost of a telephone it isn't worth the inconvenience to be without one in case of an emergency, one call is worth the price.

Twins of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray are doing very well. Their names are Brenda Jane and Betty Anne. They are the only twins in town.

Donnie Stuparyk smashed a finger in a door, requiring several stitches at the hospital. He is the son of Steve Stuparyk of Central Service Garage.

Don't be alarmed if you hear a tune being played, or should say practiced on a car horn. Nicky Franchuk has a new horn on his classy looking Pontiac. He usually drives a few miles out of town before trying a tune, so he informs us.

## Nick Cherkas Has Shoulder Discolated

LAC LA BICHE. — Mr. Nick Cherkas is not completely recovered from a fractured left arm. On Thursday he dislocated his right shoulder, requiring medical aid. He was rushed to hospital and seems not much worse for his experience after our two attending doctors, Cadzan and Brinsmead, which everyone know have the faith of all of our community for their good works at any hour of day or night.

A worker piling lumber in a railroad car had an accident when the pile slipped which gave his fellow workers a hard time. His feet seemed cemented under the pile of lumber. After releasing him he was taken to hospital. Although quite badly crushed, reports are no bones broken.

## WA Raises $100 For Basement Fund

McMURRAY.—The lunch counter held by St. John's Anglican WA at the recent curling bonspiel, McMurray, was very successful. After expenses were paid the sum of $100.11 was raised towards the church basement fund.

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Winter Retreats In Korea

Our Canadian soldiers, equipped to withstand rugged winter conditions, may not have enjoyed the adverse winter weather in Korea. But we dare to say they have had a better time of it than the ill-fed, ill-clothed Chinese Communists.

Now, however, with the retreat of Old Man Winter a new set of circumstances face our Canadian boys. There will be spring rain, thaws and mud. There will be summer dust and heat. The Chinese soldiers who can fight day in and day out on a few mouthfuls of rice a day will be better able to fight, with the dread of freezing cold behind for another year.

Winter is retreating—but what about the Communists? Will they, too, fall behind the 38th parallel?

## The Easter Story

When Jesus Christ, who proclaimed to the world that he was the Divine Son of God, died, he did so in the eyes of the world not as a good person, but as a criminal. He did not die a natural death, but voluntarily surrendered His Spirit while suffering the agonies of Roman crucifixion.

The One who had done only good in His lifetime was rejected by the religious and temporal leaders of His day. Six hundred years before His birth, the prophet Isaiah had foretold His trial, His Crucifixion and His death in almost minute detail. As prophesied, He was taken from judgment, nailed to the Cross, and died a death of "agony and shame".

The Christian faith, however, does not hang on the mere death of their leader. In dying, Jesus Christ performed the great miracle of Salvation, the very rock and cornerstone of our religion. Having willingly died in the stead of every sinner who accepts Him as his Saviour, Jesus then rose again by Divine power on the first Easter Sunday, triumphant over sin, death and the grave.

This, in short, is the story of Easter.

## Winter Wheat Crop

Up until the end of last week the United States winter wheat crop appeared to be in fair condition. Rainfall extended from western Texas to the Great Lakes, good moisture being reported from southern Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, offsetting drouth fears. Northwestern Kansas was missed by the rainstorm.

Early this month, the Canadian west was swept by blizzardlike snow storms and sub-zero temperatures. The cold and snow extended well into the United States but it is not known yet whether such conditions reached the winter wheat belt. Much of the acreage there is in a vulnerable condition.

## State Medicine

The issue of government hospitalization schemes has been one of the most controversial to arise in recent times.

In Saskatchewan the CCF provincial government has instituted its form of state medicine, in British Columbia the Coalition government has a compulsory health insurance plan. In the United States the medical profession is vigorously fighting a proposed nation-wide state hospitalization plan. Britain has become the spotlight of world attention with its government medical scheme. The Scandinavian countries have for years had state medicine.

It is interesting to note that while we hear a great deal from the critics about Saskatchewan's hospitalization plan, little is said by the critics about B.C.'s scheme, which has been a distinct failure.

Last year the government went $12 millions in the red on the plan, and this year the rates are being boosted to $35.00 per year. Not only that, you have to pay for the first 10 days of hospitalization yourself.

It looks as if the Coalitionists in B.C. are not doing so well in their attempts to steal the thunder of the CCF.

## The Bible Says:

**The lip of truth shall be established forever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment.**

**—Proverbs, XII; 19.**

## The Newspaper Columns

**By RAYMOND ARGYLE**

It seems that we in the newspaper business are forever getting into trouble with our readers over news items with which our readers disagree.

A great many people seem to think that when we publish a news story dealing with some controversial issue, or containing the comment of some individual, it automatically follows that we support that person's comment.

Other people think we shouldn't print any any letters in 'The Voice of the People' which is contrary to their own opinions.



Raymond Argyle

That this is so, leads us to believe that a lot of people don't understand just what fredom of the press really means.

Freedom of the press means that we have the right to publish our own opinions on the editorial page, and the right to publish news of the day reflecting the opinions and events of the entire community on the news pages.

I recommend the following passages to anyone who has had cause to curse this paper because it printed the opinion of someone with whom he disagreed. It is an editorial from the Powell River, B.C., News, and came to us via the Canadian Weekly Editor:

"It seems strange to find in these enlightened days there is still a fairly large number of people who fail to distinguish between the functions of the news and editorial columns of a newspaper.

As a result, because we carry a news story in which some person or organization takes a stand either for or against some project, it is often assumed the paper shares the same policy. This is far from being correct.

The news columns of the paper are reserved for reports of interest to people of the district. In these columns every effort is made to confine reports to a chronicle of actual happenings, regardless of the policy of the newspaper, the opinions of the person writing the story, the editor or the publisher.

Often, too, there are people enquiring as to the cost of having certain items of news published. Not only is there no charge for the publication of items, but space in the news columns cannot be purchased.

People who have something they wish to have publicized which is not regarded by the editor as news are referred to the advertising department. And, if they wish their advertisement in the form of a "reader" then it is clearly labelled "Advt." so that readers will know it is not an unbiased report by the paper.

On the **other hand, the opinions** of the pa- and its policy are expressed on the editorial page. Here again, there is considerable misunderstanding about how the policy of a newspaper is formed.

The policy of a newspaper on any particular question does not of necessity reflect the personal views of either the publisher, editor or any other member of the staff. Rather, it is drafted by an impersonal viewing of the question involved by several people to decide what stand is best in the community interest and could quite conceivably not coincide with the personal viewpoint of any of those who chart the newspaper's stand.

It would be unnatural if we were always right in our opinion or if our point of view was always acceptable to everyone. On either count, we don't expect to hit anywhere near a perfect average. In order that a balance may be struck, our columns are always open to those who wish to write and disagree with us. We do, in fact, welcome opposing opinions since there will always be differences of opinion and it makes for a healthy situation when members of the community are fully informed of both sides of any controversial issue in which it is likely to be affected."

## Note and Comment

What has become of all the disasters that were to strike this country if the national debt got three-fourths of its present size?

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The small boy who used to fake a toothache to stay away from school now has a small boy who wonders why his daddy is "too sick" to work like other men.

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Before the campaign next year we suggest that somebody get up a poll to see if anybody takes the polls seriously.

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Just ten years ago, by the way, Herr Hitler was assuring the world that the British would be conquered.

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Those who make a success of life know that schemes do not take the place of hard work and intelligent effort.




As the United Nations continue to drive against the Communists, one belligerent is fighting a losing battle — Old Man Winter! Whether the fighting trim of the well equipped Canadian and American soldiers is superior to the Chinese in winter or summer weather is up until now an academic question. Unless peace is negotiated, it will be decided in the heat and dust of summer, after Old Man Winter has retreated from the scene.

## Voice of the People

**"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"**

**Clippers in Clover?**

Dear Sir — Yes, I feel sorry for the poor barbers, crying poverty and saying they're still not getting enough for their haircuts and shaves. But if they're so unhappy, why don't they get real jobs, at hard work and for wages. The reason, of course, is that only barbers can lounge around most of the day, sleeping and playing mandolins in their big chairs, waiting for more suckers to pour money into their paws. They've got a regular Utopia, I'd say.

OBSERVING CUSTOMER.
Edmonton.

**Feed The Monkeys**

Dear Sir — India is short of food due to the destruction caused by 20 millian roaming sacred monkeys, and drought, and for centurie s has been burying large hoards of gold. But Ottawa has decided to support this God Monkeyism by giving India $25,000,000 of prairie wheat — your wheat and mine — at $1.80 per bushel.

Why can't India dig up some of that buried gold in payment? Or is India not the only sanctuary of apes — does Canada also have one — kept for the purpose of harrasing us poor farmers?

Meanwhile, keep working hard. The monkeys must be fed.

TOM POULSON.
Rochfort Bridge.

**Answers Atheist**

Dear Sir — In your paper "An Atheist Writes" that previous letters "manifest the true Christian attitude,' that attitude, apparently being one of intolerance, bigotry, and the desire to suppress by intimidation all viewpoints contrary to the Christian philosophy.

It will of course be quite obvious to anvone who has made even a cursory study of the teachings of Jesus, that the above is not the true Christian attitude, even though a number of professing Christians may appear to adopt that attitude.

Mr. McNey also states that Christians will not tolerate any criticism of the Bible. This is passing strange, as history records that no other book ever compiled has been subject to such keen analytical criticism as the Bible; and with what result?

Today it out-runs any kind of competitor in the literary field as a best seller, and moreover has inspired a higher level of art, music and poetry than any other book could possibly do.

Sangudo. T. W. WIGGINS.

**Three Cheers!**

Dear Sir — It seems that community reporter to the paper are often a source for ridicule for the reader because of some mistake. The reader who adopts this attitude is doing damage to the reporter's future efforts because he certainly will not take any pains when he knows that no matter how hard he tries his efforts are not appreciated. I say three cheers for the local correspondent!

Olds. EX-REPORTER.

**Roughie Told Off**

Dear Sir — I demand an apology from that cowardly roughneck who won't sign his real name. He says in the Voice that there are no beautiful girls in Alberta. There's one of three things wrong with him. He's either stone blind, had little experience, or else never been to Jasper Place. In either case he's obviously a dope.

Jasper Place. GLORIA.

**Wants Price Controls**

Dear Sir — Prime Minister St. Laurent says the country doesn't need price controls now. I've talked to a lot of people, both businessmen and workers, and they all say they want price controls.

The policy of our present government is, instead of putting on price controls, to reduce the buying power of the public through higher taxes, rising cost of living and curtailment of credit buying and bank loans. This, they say, will make surpluses which eventually will mean lower prices. In other words they are deliberately setting out to lower our standard of living, and if this ridiculous plan is permitted to continue for any length of time, we will find ourselves in a state similar to the Chinese peasant who gets barely enough to keep life and body together.

MAN WITH A FAMILY.
Edmonton.

**Old School Discipline**

Dear Sir — That young teenager wouldn't have been killed in that auto accident if that carload of kids was home where they belonged, enjoying a little parental discipline Aren't there any parents who can still turn smarty girls across their knees and spank them with a good hairbrush? By golly, that would curb this juvenile problem, no matter how grown-up they seem to be.

BIG JIM.
Daysland.

## Spotlight on . . .

# ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People,
Week Ending March 24, 1951

# Alberta's Wealth Growing As Industrial Boom Continues

Alberta has become one of the richest provinces in Canada.

From a poverty stricken depression low, Alberta has prospered and grown and now ranks high on the list of the "have" provinces in Canada.

The new story of Alberta's wealth is most clearly written in the provincial government budget for 1951-52 which will swing into operation at the end of this month.

The province estimates government expenditures during the fiscal year will top the $105,000,000 mark — compared to the "firs Social Credit" budget of $17,000,000 in 1936.

**Alberta's present secure position is the result of two factors —wartime prosperity and the post-war industrial exapnsion and oil boom. Alberta cas' ed in on both of them.**

During the next year the major item of government financing will be the aid to municipalities scheme which will cut property taxes in probably every Alberta municipality.

**MONEY FROM FUEL OIL TAX**

Money to pay for the Municipal Assistance Act will come from revenue from fuel oil tax—40 per cent of this income will be turned over to the municipalities.

Municipalities will receive an estimated $4,665,000 under the deal.

The scheme is designed not only to give the municipalities additional revenue, but to cut the tax burden on property owners.

Each municipality will receive a grant of six mills to its revenue. For instance, if a municipality's mill rate is 52 mills, the government's grant will be equal in cash to another six mills, giving it the same revenue as would be obtained from a 58 mill rate.

However, to qualify the municipality must reduce its mill rate by three mills. The municipality will still have three mills of additional revenue, and the property owners will receive a sizable reduction in taxation.

If any municipality refuses to reduce its mill rate, the grant that it would otherwise have received will be divided among all municipalities.

**Other legislation contained in the budget will affect Albertans in several ways once it goes into effect at the end of this month.**

A fund of $50,000 has been set aside to promote civil defence, car license fees are being reduced up to $15 per vehicle, the annual business license fee which has netted the government $130,000 annually in the past is being abolished, the gasoline tax is being increased a cent a gallon and oil revenue for the year is estimated at $25,000,000.



WINTER CARNIVALS have been common throughout Alberta recently and one of the prettiest of Winter Carnival Queens is Miss Lena Katylak of Waskatenau, who was named Queen over three other candidates at the event.

## Walter Geo. Bryant Machine Expert, Passes Away at 65

Walter George "Shorty" Bryant, well-known in the printing trade throughout western Canada, passed away at his home at 10207 112 St. Friday night.

He had been in poor health for the past several months.

Mr. Bryant was born in Montreal in 1885, and learned his trade as a machinist at the Canadian Linotype factory in Montreal.

In 1910 he moved to Edmonton, and from then until 1945 he worked for the Edmonton Journal as a linotype machinist.

Mr. Bryant went to work for the Edmonton Bulletin in 1918, where he was employed until the Bulletin suspended publication in January.

At both newspapers he was responsible for the maintenance of the Linotype and Intertype machines .

**Mr. Bryant was regarded throughout the west as an expert on Linotype and Intertype type-setting machines. He often travelled to country points to repair type-settting machines.**

He was also long-time member of the International Typographical Union.

He is survived by his widow in Edmonton, and several nephews and nieces in the east.

## Will Arrest Red Leaders In Event of World War

An unsigned warrant for the arrest of Communist Leader Tim Buck and a draft order-in-council outlawing his Labor Progressive Party are ready in Ottawa in the event of "any appreciable worsening of relations with Russia", Editor Ralph Allen writes in the current issue of Maclean's.

Buck is known to thousands throughout Alberta through his many public appearances here.

"If Canada should fight and lose a war with Russia within the next 10 years," Allen writes in an article The Case History of Comrade Buck, "the leading aspirant to the job of Canada's first dictator will be . . . this leader for 21 years of Canada's 12,000 Communists and their 40 to 50 thousand fellow travellers.

"Buck is one of the few old pros of the movement who has consistently withstood the danger of destruction from inside the Party and, next to Stalin himself, he has a longer record of unbroken command than the leader of any other national Communist Party."

Buck's salary from the Party has never exceeded $55 a week during a career which has included three yars in Kingston penitentiary in the early 1930's for preaching the forcible overthrow of the Canadian government, two years underground in the early 1940's to circulate propaganda against Canada's participation in the war and six trips to Moscow.


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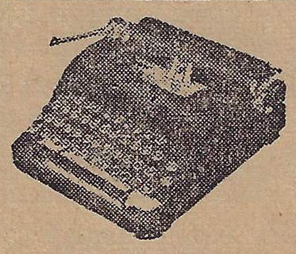
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# PULPWOOD INDUSTRY HARD HIT BY WEEK-LONG BLIZZARD

LAC LA BICHE. — The pulpwood industry is at a standstill at the moment, due to the mountains of snow which have blocked every side road, including highways.

There is not a truck in operation and won't be until the snow plows go through first.

Before the halt in operation came about 100 carloads of pulpwood a month were being shipped out of Lac la Biche. There is considerable wood cut in the bush and the late blizzard has been a costly one to pulpwood cutters and truck operators.

Mr. Wm. Shulko is stranded at Plamondon. Bill had gont to Wandering River and when coming home had to walk two and a half miles to Plamondon. "Bill," as he is known is a very reliable operator and always ready to take on any job. He trucks from Wandering River and Big Bay, while other truckers have gone as far as Boyle for pulpwood, which is claimed to be 50 miles from here.

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In Yukon Territory the three mining districts are Dawson, Mayo and Whitehorse. Virtually all the gold produced in Yukon Territory is from placer operations mainly in the Dawson district.

## La Biche Rancher Buys Mink Farm

LAC LA BICHE.—A local mink rancher Mr. Gustine Byrkelo has purchased the mink ranch belonging to Mr. Long, who has moved to British Columbia some time ago.

At present Mr. Burkelo is busy finishing his new home. "Gus" is an old timer in these parts, and will have a nice ranch when he gets settled. His new residence will be around two miles from town on Highway 46. He's been sick with the 'flu but nice to see you around again, Gus.

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Mr. Waddington of the Sovereign Insurance Co. has been in town for the past few days. We understand he is stranded in Lac la Biche due to the heavy roads.

Due to the terrific drifts which paralyzed the west, this small place which is only a drop in the bucket, is still awaiting the arrival of the daily bus which was due in Thursday night. Rumors are it's sitting in Thorhild.

The regular train service has been disrupted, due at Thorhild at 1:30 p.m., was still in Dunvegan yards; at time of writing, which is midnight, still no train. The wind is subsiding so maybe work will begin, clearing roads, lines, etc.

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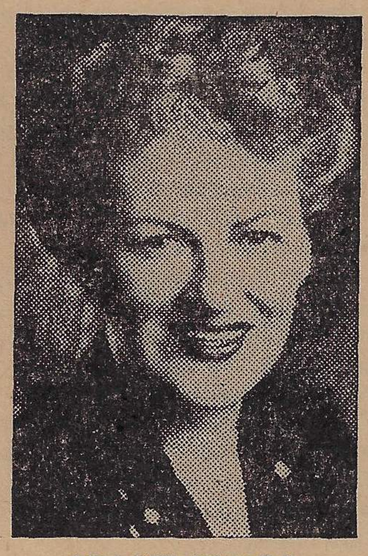



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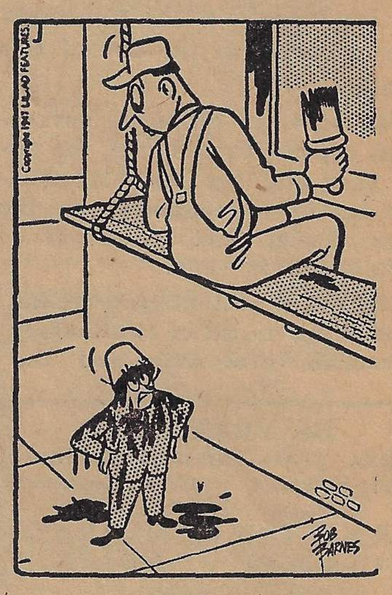
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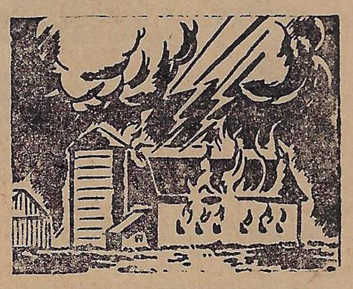
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Gostick declared that a "vast majority" of the 24 persons accused of subversive activities in Canada's 1946 spy trials were "non-Christian Canadians." Mr. Gostick added that his listeners should work closely with the RCMP to uncover further subversive activities.

After giving a history of the Communist movement Mr. Gostick concluded that Communism has little appeal for "Christian peoples of any country."

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**Um**

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We have been married two years and have a baby. Ever since the baby came, my husband has been leaving me alone at night and going out by himself. He goes to movies and even to parties, while I sit home and nurse. He says he is not going to tie himself down and not have any fun. And here lately he has hardly been giving me any money to run the house with or to buy clothes. I am all upset and am thinking of going home to my mother. She didn't want me to get married anyway.

What would you advise?

L. B.

**Answer:**

It is pathetic for children to marry so young — before they are ready for the responsibilities and sacrifices that matrimony entails. Neither you nor your husband had had your playtime before you married, but you probably refused to listen to your parents when they advised you to wait until you were older. You got your way and now you are paying for it.

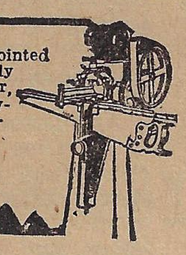
I see no future in such a life for you, unless you two have a show-down. Whatever money he makes over your living expenses should go in savings and recreation for you both. If he has been going out several times a week, he can take the same amount that he has been spending, hire a responsible person to stay with the baby, and take you out for one evening. Other evenings can be spent reading, listening to the radio, playing games and doing a little inexpensive entertaining at home.

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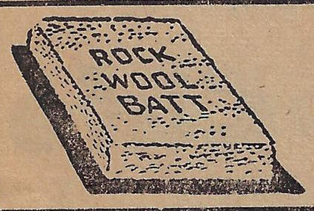



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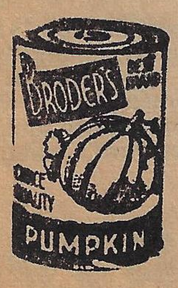

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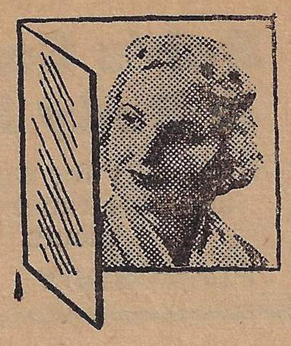
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**MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS**

| Teams | Ply'd | Won | Lost | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Varze | 36 | 26 | 10 | 52 |
| Gordichuk | 36 | 22 | 14 | 44 |
| Onufrew | 38 | 23 | 15 | 46 |
| Klein | 38 | 23 | 15 | 46 |
| Michetti | 38 | 22 | 16 | 44 |
| Richard | 38 | 22 | 16 | 44 |
| Kimm | 36 | 19 | 17 | 38 |
| Cherkas | 40 | 23 | 18 | 46 |
| Coutney | 36 | 11 | 25 | 22 |
| Weeres | 40 | 14 | 26 | 28 |
| Salahub | 42 | 14 | 28 | 28 |

**MEN'S AVERAGES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Gordichuk | 191 |
| Varze | 186 |
| Bourassa | 189 |
| Knowalchuk | 186 |
| Rosychuk | 179 |
| Tymchuk | 178 |
| Michetti | 178 |
| Coutney | 177 |
| Richard | 175 |
| Amiot | 172 |
| Palmer | 171 |
| Bouvier | 169 |
| Yakimec | 169 |
| Lett | 169 |
| Byrkelo | 168 |
| Klein | 166 |
| Rowland | 165 |
| Lebeuf | 165 |
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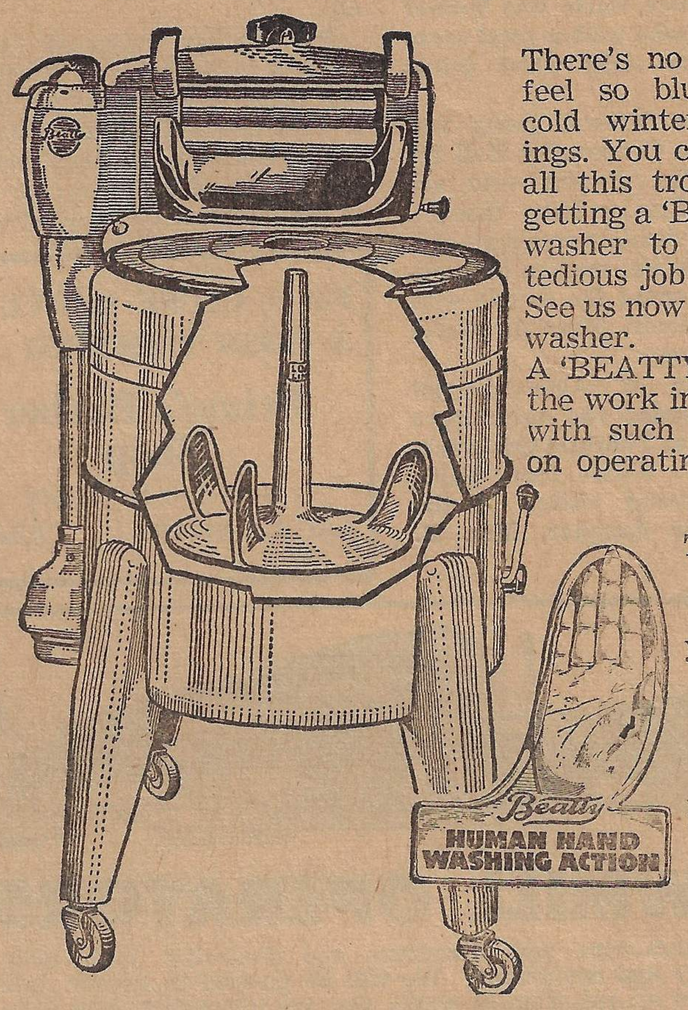
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## ABEE NEWS NOTES

The regular Abee Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs M. Petryk on March 10. Plans were made for a whist drive in the near future, proceeds from which will go to the Red Cross.

A committee of four was appointed, Mrs. Skuba, Mrs. S. Bothamley, Mrs. Prather and Mrs. Boulton, to campaign for the cancer fund which will open on April 1.

The final whist drive of the series of whists which were sponsored by the WI, was held March 13. Mrs. Bruce Earle was winner of the auto robe with a total score of 909 from eight whist drives held.

A surprise farewell party was held in Abee Community Hall for Mr. and Mrs. Pawlik who are moving to Smoky Lake district. About 150 friends were in attendance. Mr. Skuba, master of ceremonies, presented the couple with a case of silver. Mrs. A. Skuba led a sing-song.

A number of Abee district farmers attended the agriculture short course at Thorhild this week.

Mrs. H. T. Wilkie from Fallis was a week-end visitor at the home of her daugher, Mrs. B. Earle.

## AVENIR TOPICS

Mr. Albert J. Plamondon, Daniel and Roland Plamondon, were in Edmonton recently on business.

Lawrence and Gabriel Plamondon have gone to work at Chisholm. This is their first experience in being that far from home. We wish them luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxine Ladauceur of Plamondon, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Plamondon for a few days.

We certainly appreciate Mrs. Sommerville, District Nurse of Plamondon's courageous trips to Avenir, where we meet her once a month in the Avenir Community Hall to have children vaccinated. It sure is a great benefit to us all.

Rev. Father Dubus of Breynat expects to be here on April 1 to say mass. We are always happy to receive his friendly visits.

Mr. Amedee St. Jean had the misfortune of losing a grey mare of his matched team. It appeared like it had attempted jumping a fence and got a pointed fence post through its body

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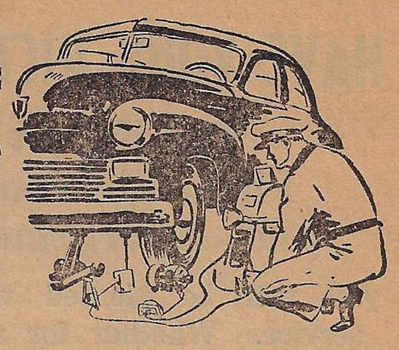
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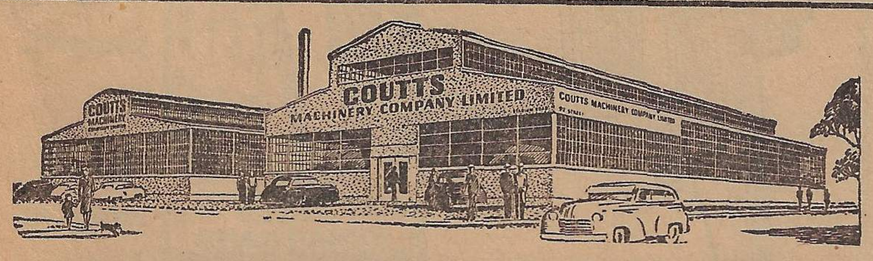
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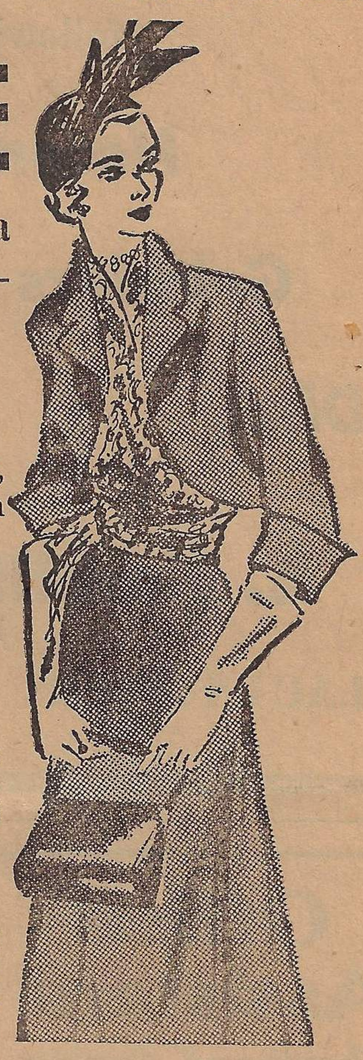
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# Wealthy Publisher Pleads Guilty to Assault Count

BANFF. — A member of the wealthy Southam publishing family, owners of the Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, and five other Canadian daily newspapers, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault in police court here last week.

He is John Southam, publisher of the Calgary Herald.

Southam was fined $10 and costs for assaulting Banff photographer Bill Gibbons.

**Mr. Gibbons revealed to this paper that he intends sueing Southam for slander if he can "find a lawyer to handle the case."**

The charge arose out of a "brawl" in the Banff cafe when Southam struck Gibbons after, according to Gibbons, "verbally abusing him for 20 minutes."

Mr. Gibbons said that Southam told him he would personally see to it that Gibbons would never get another picture in any Canadian newspaper or magazine.

According to Mr. Gibbons, Southam's ill-feeling goes back about four years to an occasion when the two were skiing on a Banff mountain.

At that time Southam allegedly threatened to throw Gibbons "off the mountain."

**Mr. Gibbons told this paper he had three witnesses to the brawl in the Banff cafe.**

Southam was allegedly taken out of the cafe by the police, but instead of taking him to jail, they drove him to his hotel.

The Banff photographer pressed charges against Southam and he was haled into court.

Banff Chief of Police Broadway confirmed that Southam pleaded guilty to the assault charge.

The facts of the case have been suppressed by the daily papers.



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# Says British Socialists 'Let Down' Western Farmers

"The present Socialist government in Britain has let us us down," a well-known Alberta M.P. said this week in regard to the British-Canadian wheat agreement.

J. W. Welbourn, Liberal MP for Jasper-Edson, told this paper "it is evident that the British government has failed to live up to its moral obligations to western Canada under the 'have regard' clause in the agreement."

Mr. Welbourn said he was disappointed with the amount of the final payment of 8.3 cents per bushel as announced in parliament.

He said that "had the British government assumed its full obligations, the Canadian farmer would have received much nearer the figure that he is justly entitled to."

"We in Canada, particularly the Canadian farmer, did everything possible to help the British people when they were in dire need of help," he said.

Mr. Welbourn added that "the Liberal government, appreciating the fact that the western farmers had not been given a fair deal, have made available $65 million, which sum will be added to the final payment of the 1945-49 pool."


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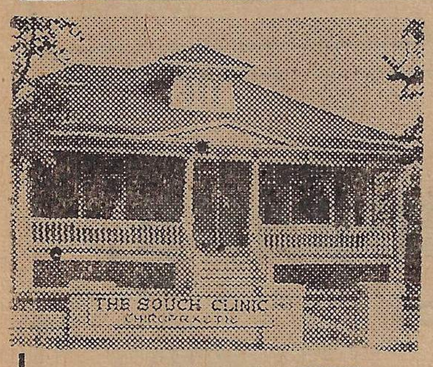
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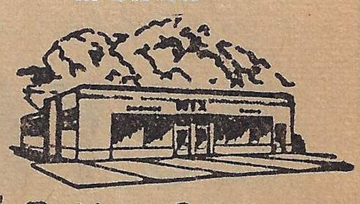
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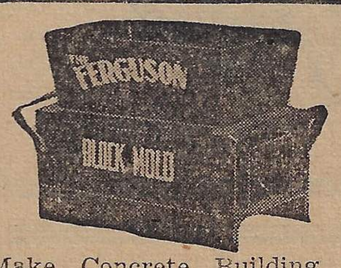
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## PLAMONDON TOPICS

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Mr. William Plamondon has returned from his voyage in B.C., and according to William down in B.C. all that he saw was signs "Watch out for snow plows," so his trip wasn't quite enjoyed as it should have been.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Lemay paid a short visit to Plamondon during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Plamondon have returned from Waterways where Don was employed in a lumber camp.

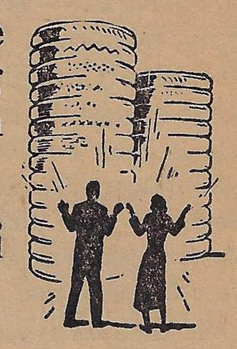
Leaving for Excellser Spring, Missouri were William Plamondon, Mrs. Bert Plamondon, Mrs. Edgar Dube and Mrs. Lawrent L'Heureux from Egg Lake. We wish them a very pleasant voyage.

We were glad to see Mr. T. W. Pue in Plamondon during the week. He was on a business trip and we wish he will soon pay us another visit.

Miss Yvonne Bosse is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bosse, in Plamondon. Miss Bosse took a nursing course in Calgary.


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## Lions Club Meets In Lac la Biche

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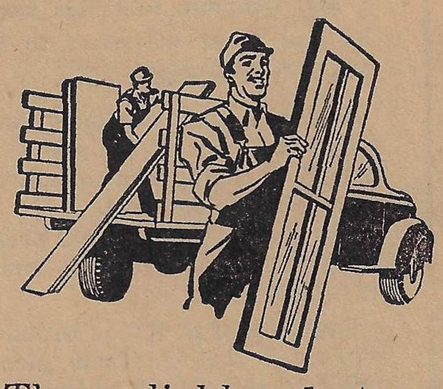
The banquet on April 27 will be in commemoration of receipt of charter. This will be one year as a Charter Club.

All members it is hoped will make a special effort to attend.

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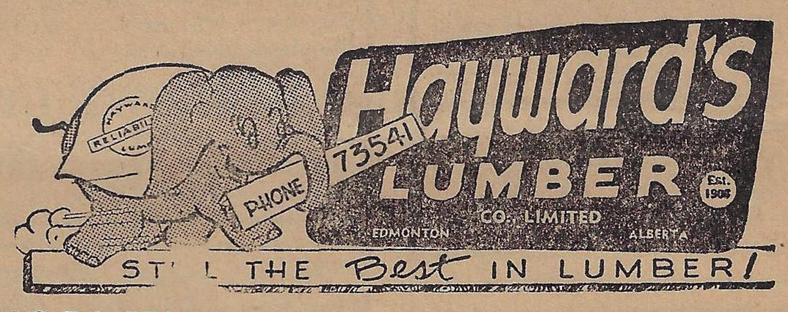




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